



A New York Minute



CASA Newsletter

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Central Atlantic States Association of Food and Drug Officials

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Meeting Update:

Our June meeting was a successful one, with nearly 60 people in attendance. Many thanks to our speakers, Tim Hendricks, Donald Ullstrom and William Tommasini.



Membership Drive



In order to facilitate an increase in our membership, the board has approved an incentive program for the recruitment of new members.

Bring a friend or colleague to a CASA meeting. If they join our organization, your next meeting is free!*

* applies to *new* memberships only. You will be given a voucher good for one free meeting for each new member you recruit. Vouchers may not be used at the holiday meeting. See any board member for more details.

Photos on left: Tim Hendricks (Assured Environments), Donald Ullstrom (FDA) and William Tommasini (US Customs)

Parking



As parking at the FDA facility is limited, we have been able to secure parking spaces at nearby York College. We encourage all of you to take advantage to this option. We will still need you to pre-register, so that we may give your information to York. Please see directions below:

Parking for September 23rd CASA meeting is available at York College's South Parking Lot which is located on Guy R. Brewer Blvd. between Liberty & South Aves. The lot is across the street from York College's Gymnasium.

From the FDA building, attendees should proceed east on Liberty Avenue and turn right onto Guy R. Brewer Blvd. The parking lot entrance is on the left hand side.

Member News

Congratulations to our longtime members who have recently retired!



Bruce Williamson
(Suffolk County)

Bruce has been a member since 1993. He served as NY Conference president, executive board president, was a member of numerous CASA committees, and was also the recipient of the 2005 CASA Award.



Terry O'Riordan
(Suffolk County)

Terry has been a member since 1996, and generously offered his time and expertise as a speaker for several of our quarterly meetings



Sonia Morales
(Stop & Shop)

Sonia has been a member since 2001, and has served as both Vice President of our local conference, and as our Associate board member.

Have something to say?

Share news from your organization with our membership during the open forum at the quarterly meetings!



Save the Date



We will once again be holding our December meeting at Russo's on the Bay. The training will take place on December 10th. Our agenda will feature Joe Corby and Tim Hendricks.



Contact your board members:

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Quarterly Training Session

Our third quarterly training of the 2008 calendar year will be held on September 23rd, at the FDA facility at 158-15 Liberty Ave. in Jamaica. Proper ID is required to enter the building. Please be sure to pre-register so that we may give your name to the security guard at the front gate

Please join us beginning at 9am for registration and continental breakfast

9:30-10:30 Posting of Calorie Counts in NYC Food Service Establishments
Beth Torin
Associate Director
NYC DOHMH Bureau of Food Safety and Community

10:30-10:45 Coffee Break

10:45-11:45 NYC Investigation of Camphor Products and Illegal Aphrodisiacs
Nathan Graber, MD. MPH
Director
Environmental and Occupational Disease Epidemiology Program
NYC DOHMH

11:45-12:45 Lunch
Buffet Lunch

12:45-1:45 Importation of Animals and Animal Products
Sheryl Shapiro, MHA
Quarantine Public Health Officer
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
Division of Global Migration and Quarantine

1:45-2:00 Coffee Break

2:00-3:00 Mercury in Fish
Wendy McKelvey, Ph.D
Bureau of Environmental Surveillance & Policy
NYC DOHMH

3:00-4:00 Open Forum
Local jurisdictions share recent and noteworthy events

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Registration Form 2008 September Training Session

Name _____

Agency/Firm _____

E-mail Address _____

License Plate # _____

Meeting Registration: \$20 (member)

\$30 (non-member)

CASA Membership:

Regulatory Agency- \$15

Academic & Retired Regulatory Member- \$10

Associate Member- \$35

Please make checks payable to NY Conference CASA
Fax Registration form to Alice Peltz at (631) 852-5871

Or, mail registration form to:

Alice Peltz

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Directions to FDA facility :

The FDA building is easily accessible from the Van Wyck Expressway (678) from either north or south. Exit at Liberty Ave. and proceed east for approximately 1 mile. The building will be located on the north side of Liberty Ave. just beyond the Long Island Railroad trestle. Enter through the main gate, identify yourself and announce that you are attending the NY CASA meeting. You will be directed where to park. Enter through the main entrance and proceed to the main floor conference room.